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SUBJECT: ARABIC PRESS REPORTS U.S. HAS ABANDONED GENEVA

1. WEST BANK ARABIC PRESS DEC. 7 REPORTS U.S. HAS ABANDONED GENEVA IN FAVOR OF CAIRO CONFERENCE. RED BANNERS READ: "VANCE: A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE WITHOUT GENEVA" ("AL QUDS") AND "WASHINGTON TOPPLES THE GENEVA CONFERENCE*" ("ASH'AB").

2. STORIES FROM WIRE SERVICES DATELINED WASHINGTON REPORT PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS OF SECSTATE DEC. 6 THAT "ME SETTLEMENT CAN OCCUR WITHOUT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE" AND THAT U.S. STRONGLY SUPPORTS CAIRO CONFERENCE WHICH WILL ADDRESS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OF PEACE, BORDERS AND PALESTINIANS. WASHINGTON POLITICAL OBSERVERS REPORTEDLY INTERPRET VANCE REMARKS AS A RADICAL CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY.

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3. EDITORIAL RESPONSE IS IMMEDIATE. IN A THOUGHTFUL EFFORT AL QUDS (MODERATE AND PRO-JORDANIAN) REMARKS: "WE ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH THE MANNER OF THE DISCUSSION OR THE PLACE, AS MUCH AS WE ARE CONCERNED TO REACH A JUST AND GENUINE PEACE WHICH WILL RESTORE OUR RIGHTS AND PROPERTIES. THE DEGREE OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THIS NEW (AMERICAN) POLICY DEPENDS ON THE EXTENT

OF PRESSURE TO BE EXERTED ON ISRAEL..."

4. LESS GENEROUSLY, ASH'AB (RADICAL AND INDEPENDENT)
PREDICTS THE U.S. WILL ENGINEER RHODES-STYLE BI-LATERAL
AGREEMENTS CULMINATING WITH "SOME (PALESTINIANS)
...READY TO SIGN BLANK CHECKS IN THE HOPE OF GETTING
SOME CRUMBS OFF THE TABLE." "ASH'AB"CONCLUDES:
"WE REJECT ALL DARK PLOTS WHICH AIM AT
CIRCUMVENTING OUR RIGHTS..."

5. COMMENT: WE NOTE FROM THE OFFICIAL TEXT THAT
SECRETARY WHILE STRESSING U.S. SUPPORT FOR CAIRO AT
PRESENT REITERATED STATED INTENTION OF ALL PARTIES
TO MOVE TOWARDS GENEVA. WE SHALL SUPPLY COPIES OF TEXT
TO LOCAL ARAB JOURNALISTS TO BALANCE SOMEWHAT PREVAILING
IMPRESSION THAT U.S. HAS IN EFFECT GIVEN UP ON OR
DOWNGRADED GENEVA. WE NOTE WEST BANK ASSESSMENT SIMILAR
TO THAT OF ISRAELI PRESS DECEMBER 7 (TEL AVIV 10188).
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